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SUBJ: AFGHAN REPRESENTATION AT 29TH UNGA

- 1. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH PLANS TO ARRIVE NEW YORK AROUND OCTOBER 4 OR 5 AND DELIVER PRINCIPAL AFGHAN SPEECH TO UNGA ON OCTOBER 7. GOA DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO INDIA, ABDUR RAHMAN PAZHWAK WHO WILL ATTEND FIRST WEEK OR TEN DAYS OF SESSION.
- 2. FOUR MFA OFFICIALS FROM KABUL WILL ATTEND 29TH UNGA: YAHYA MAARUFI, ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AND UN AFFAIRS DEPT: THIRTIES, VERY BRIGHT AND COMPETENT, FLUENT ENGLISH, PASHTUN NATIONALIST, PREVIOUS SERVICE WITH AFGHAN UN MISSION, WIFE IS UNICEF OFFICIAL IN KABUL, RESPONSIBLE FOR PLENARY AND FIRST COMMITTEE, AND WILL SHARE COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY FOR AFGHAN DELEGATION WITH DR. GHAUSSI AFTER DEPARTURE OF ABDULLAH AND PASZHWAK. DR. SA'ADULLAH GHAUSSI, LEGAL ADVISOR, MFA: FORTIES, INTELLIGENT, SORBONNE PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, FLUENT ENGLISH AND FRENCH THOUGH SPEAKS WITH STAMMER, WORLDLY, SOCIABLE, AND AMENABLE TO FLATTERY, PREVIOUS UNGA EXPERIENCE, ALSO ATTENDED 1968 HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN, RESPONSIBLE FOR THIRD COMMITTEE. GHAUSSI PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK AFTER CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE. NOT ON GOOD TERMS WITH DEPUTY FONMIN ABDULLAH. ABDUL QAYUM MANSOUR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC RELATIONS, CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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MFA: FORTIES, INTELLIGENT, FLUENT ENGLISH, FRIENDLY THOUGH NOT PARTICULARLY SOCIAL, NO PREVIOUS UN EXPERIENCE. RESPONSIBLE FOR

SECOND COMMITTEE. HOMAYUN SHAH ASEFI, MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DEPT.: RELATIVELY YOUNG, AND JUNIOR OFFICER, NO PREVIOUS UN EXPERIENCE, NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AT 29TH UNGA.

- 3. MAARUFI HAS INDICATED ABDUL MAJEED, ABDUR RAHIM GHAFOURZAI, AND MIR ABDUL WAHAB SEDIQ, ALL OF THE AFGHAN PERMANENT MISSION TO UN, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 4TH, 5TH AND 6 TH COMMITTEES RESPECTIVELY.
- 4. COMMENT: IN EMBASSY'S OPINION AFGHANISTAN IS SENDING SOME OF ITS MOST ABLE AND COMPETENT MID-LEVEL MFA PERSONNEL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. CURRAN

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